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1. The problem of cross-referencing place names according to their rendering in different languages is certainly a continuing aggravation to researchers. Limited versions of the polyglot suggested, such as a Russian-Japanese-English gazetteer of Sakhalin, have been compiled, but so far as is known none has been attempted on the scale herein envisaged.

2. Although it is recognized that a general polyglot covering the Soviet Bloc would be valuable, it does not appear to be a practical undertaking. The document would be prohibitively expensive to produce, requiring an expenditure of time and money out of proportion to the potential gains.

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